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PSA Grants Clearance to the Conduct of the Study on Capability of Philippine Maritime Industry to Supply Merchant Marine Seafarers in the Global Maritime Labour Market

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On 16 April 2018, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) approved the conduct of the survey in line with the Study on Capability of Philippine Maritime Industry to Supply Merchant Marine Seafarers in the Global Maritime Labour Market by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA).

The survey aims to generate data on the profile of seafarers and to ascertain the progression of Filipino seafarers from Ratings to Operational and to Management level officers. The results of the survey will also serve as a basis for policy issuances for the welfare of Filipino seafarers.

Data items to be collected in the survey include the following:

- Socio-Demographic characteristics (age, sex, civil status, educational attainment)
- · Vessels boarded
- · Trainings attended for officership
- · Career plans
- · Difficulties encountered as a seafarer

The survey will utilize a total budget of Php 1.5 million which covers personal services, maintenance, and other operating expenses (MOOE) such as travelling expenses for Focus Group Discussions (FGD), supplies, and printing expenses.

A total of 1,147 seafarers from the National Capital Region (NCR), Bataan, Laguna, City of Cebu, City of Iloilo, City of Davao and City of Cagayan de Oro will be selected to participate in the survey.

The results of the survey are expected to be released in November 2018.

The survey was reviewed and cleared for conduct under the Statistical Survey Review and Clearance System (SSRCS), a mechanism being implemented by the PSA by virtue of Rule 28 of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10625 to:

- ensure sound design for data collection;
- minimize the burden placed upon respondents;



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eliminate unnecessary duplication of statistical data collection efforts; and

achieve better coordination of government statistical activities.

In line with this, the PSA enjoins the public to support the said survey.

For further information on SSRCS, please contact the Statistical Standards Division (SSD) of the Standards Service (SS) with telephone numbers (02) 376-1928 and (02) 376-1931, and email address: <a href="mailto:ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph">ssd.staff@gmail.com</a>.

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